

# 2013 Needs Assessment for Lee County

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## Accomplishments

Over the past year, the members of the Lee County Children's Policy Council have continued to make progress in strengthening community partnerships to identify resources and programs available to the children and families of Lee County and maintain and make available a resource directory for our community.

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Early intervention to improve the health of the children and families of Lee County

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<p>Alabama Department of Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Prenatal Clinic</li> <li>Medicaid</li> <li>-Dental Clinics</li> <li>School Nurses</li> <li>- Diabetes Clinic</li> </ul> <p>Information provided by the media on the topics of obesity, diabetes, and major health problems.</p> <p>Mercy Medical Clinic</p> <p>Women's Hope Clinic</p> <p>Child Care Resource Center - Let's Move Campaign</p> <p>Tobacco Programs</p> <p>Lee County Cares</p> <p>Auburn City Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dental, Vision and Scoliosis</li> <li>- ACCEPT program - helps teens to plan for their pregnancy</li> </ul> <p>Opelika City Schools - Dental Clinic</p> <p>Brave Hearts for special education children sponsored by Auburn University Social Work Dept and held at Opelika Sports Plex.</p> <p>Department of Rehabilitation Services - Early intervention</p> <p>Headstart Screenings</p> <p>Clinics at Auburn University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Speech &amp; Hearing</li> <li>-Dental</li> <li>-Psychological/Counseling</li> <li>-Vision-Also within school systems</li> <li>-Mentoring</li> <li>-Parenting Resources</li> <li>-ABA</li> <li>-Extension Office</li> <li>-Women's Hope</li> </ul>	<p>Health Screenings</p> <p>Localized Public Service Announcements</p> <p>All Kids or Medicaid for all Children</p>

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

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ideas if possible.)

1. Community Health screenings
2. School Health Screenings
3. Make available healthy lifestyle educational materials.

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## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Increased intervention and accountability for drug and alcohol use to create a stable and safe home for the children of Lee County.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
EAMH - Substance Abuse Services -Special Deliveries EAMH - Lee County Cares Coalition EAMH - Opelika Addiction Center City of Auburn DARE City of Opelika DARE Lee County DARE Auburn City Schools - Project ID - Healthy Lifestyles - Partnership with East Alabama Mental Health/Family and Children Services to provide prevention programs - Alcohol and drug awareness classes through Health and Driver's Education classes Opelika City Schools - ID Program Lee County Juvenile Court	Family Drug Court

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Community partners and the Family Court meet to see what services are currently available.
2. Apply for Grants to establish a Family Drug Court.

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Available resources for families of special needs children.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
East Alabama Mental Health The Learning Tree Camp ASCCA Hapie Program Storybook Farms Yarbrough Elementary Summer Clinic ABA Autism Classes at DHR Autism Speaks Autism Society of Alabama Miracle League United Cerebral Palsy Achievement Center of East Alabama Department of Rehabilitation and Special Education Auburn University Autism Center Alabama Mentor Therapy Foster Care Auburn, Opelika, Lee County Schools Churches -Lakeview -Highlands -First Baptist Church of Opelika -Auburn United Methodist	Respite Care Support Programs

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Collaborate with local agencies and other organizations to provide respite care for special needs children.
2. Identify the resources and make them available through our community resource directory.